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PAGE SPRINGS, CHICKAHOMINY CAMPGROUNDS OPEN

The Page Springs and Chickahominy Reservoir Campgrounds are now open with full services reports Tom Dyer, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Burns District Manager. "Maintenance personnel have completed spring maintenance of the facilities, tested drinking water, and activated the fee collection systems in time for the tourist season," he says. A campground host is in place at the Page Springs Campground and the BLM plans to provide a host at the Chickahominy site soon.

> **Note: Camping fees of $8.00 per vehicle per night are now in effect and will be collected throughout the camping season until cold weather conditions require shutting down the water systems in the fall.**

Visitors to the Page Springs Campground 3 miles east of Frenchglen along the Donner und Blitzen River will find 36 campsites, toilets, drinking water, garbage service, fire rings, tables, and a short nature trail. The area is popular with hikers, birders, and fishing enthusiasts.

The Chickahominy Reservoir Campground located 5 miles west of Riley offers the following recently upgraded facilities: 18 camp units, fish cleaning station, sun shelters, picnic tables, drinking water, garbage service, toilets, fire rings, access roads, and a boat ramp. The area is a popular for overnight camping. Due to low water, fishing will be poor and the reservoir will not be stocked with fish this year.

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Remaining campgrounds in the Steens Mountain area will be opened later this spring or summer, depending on weather and road conditions. Information on those sites will be provided as they become available for visitors.

People interested in serving as volunteer campground hosts at BLM campgrounds should contact the BLM at (541) 573-4428 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For information on other recreation opportunities on public land in the BLM Burns District, call (541) 573-4400 or visit the web site at www.or.blm.gov/burns .

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